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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 21, 2004, said period of response being extended from April 21, 2004 to July 21, 2004.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$950 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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